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Multi-Agency Raid Nets Stolen Guns

In the early morning hours of Thursday, May 10th, 2012, officers from several Valencia county law enforcement agencies executed a high risk search warrant for stolen weapons in the 3000 block of NM 47 that resulted in the recovery of eight rifles and the arrest of two Valencia county men.

According to Bosque Farms police chief Greg Jones, detective John Valdez had been investigating a burglary case that occurred in Bosque Farms and was able to develop information that led to the issuance of the search warrant by Belen magistrate judge Danny Hawkes.

Chief Jones said the high risk warrant was executed by officers from his agency, Los Lunas police department, Valencia county sheriff's department and agents from the Valencia County Regional Drug Task Force. Because of the high risk nature of the search warrant, chief Jones said the initial entry was made by the Los Lunas Metro SWAT team.

Arrested in this case were James Potter, age 21 of Peralta and Michael Vallejos, age 18 of Tome. Both were charged with aggravated burglary, conspiracy and criminal damage to property and were booked into the Valencia county detention center on a \$50,000.00 cash only bond each. Further charges are possible.

Chief Jones said he was very pleased with the inter-agency cooperation and the professional execution of the warrant. Although no injuries were sustained in this incident, chief Jones said Rescue 5 with the Bosque Farms fire department was present at the scene perimeter just in case.

Detective Valdez said his investigation is ongoing and there may be additional arrests. He asks anyone who has had a rifle stolen to please contact him at 505-869-2358.

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